



Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board

A Certified Local Government (CLG)

Program representing four governing bodies:

*City of Billings
City of Laurel*

*Yellowstone County
Crow Tribe*

MEETING MINUTES

November 17, 2015

First Floor Conference Room

2825 3rd Avenue North

Members Present –Liz Harding, Nancy Curriden, Judy Goldsby and Kevin Nelson

Members Absent – Logan Hendricks, Tabatha Butler, and Blain Fandrich

Staff Present –Kevin Kooistra and Lora Mattox

Others Present – Lynda Woods, Community Development Division

Minutes - The minutes of the October meeting were approved.

Public Comment – None.

CDBG Rehab Review – 505/507 Yellowstone Avenue – Lynda Woods introduced this property. The work proposed at the property is the replacement of exterior doors and windows in each unit of the duplex. Lynda explained that since the owner lives in one of the units of the duplex, CDBG funds can be used. Up to \$25,000 can be spent on improvements to the home that include mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and weatherization. The work appears appropriate and the board had no comments. On a motion by Judy Goldsby, seconded by Kevin Nelson the proposed work was approved.

North Elevation Historic District – See Consultant’s Report.

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Finished the draft work for the National Register Nomination for the McKinley School Neighborhood and it was submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office on September 21.

The first part of the reviews are coming back to the Western Heritage Center staff. We held three conference calls with John Boughton (3) and Kate Hampton (1) of the State Historic Preservation Office this past month. There is still some review work still being done in Helena, but we have some clear directives from the SHPO:

They recommend re-structuring the boundaries of the District. They were especially concerned with the south lot line along the back of the properties on 8th Avenue North. The McKinley School Neighborhood Historic District will likely be expanded to take advantage of clearer boundary lines, such as defining the middle of North 7th as the southern boundary line and using the alleyway line between North 31st and North 30th as the east boundary. We need to document all the structures with foundations (garages and even sheds) found on each property. It is estimated this will increase the contributing properties / buildings in the District from 155 to over 300. The triangular parks that line North 32nd will also be included in the nomination as one contributing site. Each specific residential property will include a legal description, a history of the property, an architectural description, and good photographic documentation. When finished, this will be one of the largest residential districts in the state. The target is to still try to get the work done in 2016.

Historic Preservation Officer Report - Lora Mattox reported the project moving forward for the AT & T mitigation of the tower installation at the Power Building is the development of a National Register Nomination for Pioneer Park. Lora will keep the board informed on this project. Lora discussed the potential submittal of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the building at United Glass on Montana Avenue. Work proposed include gutters/downspouts and windows on the north side. Lora informed the agent that January would be as soon as a review could take place.

Board Roundtable – Judy Goldsby informed the board that the railroad is tearing down the grain elevation located in Laurel. Lora added that she had heard that the one in Billings is also scheduled to be tore down. Kevin Kooistra will check on this a little further and send Elisabeth DeGrenier out to take photographs of the structures before demolition. Judy also said that after a structural review, the Trading Post building will be tore down in the future. It was deem unsalvageable. Kevin Kooistra mentioned that tonight, Liz Harding and himself will be giving a presentation on Mural Art. Kevin also announced that on December 2nd at 2:00 p.m., there will be a public event at Yellowstone Kelly's gravesite.

The next meeting will be held on December 15, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Location to be Moss Mansion.

Meeting adjourned.